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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director of Operations  
SUBJECT : Assignment of USAF Aircraft to Project ACUATONE

1. I am returning herewith your proposed letter to Col. Berg asking that a T-33 be assigned to the Washington Headquarters of this project, for use by the Operations personnel. I am taking no action with regard to this request for the following reasons.

Col. Berg and [redacted] discussed this and Col. Berg stated that T-33 aircraft are critical and that HQ USAF could not go along with this concept. Furthermore, I cannot in my own mind justify the need for a T-bird here to fulfill the requirements placed in para. 2 of your proposed letter. I also know from trying to take similar action at my previous assignment to obtain an aircraft for similar use that we were unable to receive approval from Headquarters.

2. As an alternative, I suggest that you investigate with Andrews and Bolling the possibility of having a priority established which would enable you to get the use of a T-33 in the event that you did have to go to the scene of an accident on short notice or if a T-33 was required on short notice to take a trip to the West Coast.

3. I have not taken this up with Mr. Bissell for I believe that such action is unnecessary at this time. In the future we may look at this request again to see if we have better justification than we now have for getting a T-33 assigned to us in the Washington area.

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Deputy Project Director

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